

LOVE PIRATES CONFESS \$1,000,000 LOOT IN YEAR

UNIVERSITY DEBT PAID WITH DEBT, WITNESS SAID

Epworth Endowment Used to
Liquidate Mortgage.

PROFIT IN DEAL WAS \$2,000

Ex-Chancellor Reported Finan-
cial State, He Says

In June, 1911, a few weeks after Epworth university closed, the University Development company took the \$40,000 it owed the school as an endowment and paid off the \$40,000 mortgage that had been placed on the Epworth property in 1910; and in return for paying the mortgage the company got the property, and also kept \$1,765 interest and \$253 on a soliciting fund that the company owed the school. In other words, the company paid a debt with a debt, and had approximately \$2,000 profit.

This was brought out in the testimony today of Fred S. Coombs, bookkeeper for the company, in the Epworth trial in district court. The development company and the Methodist Episcopal church, south, are opposing factions in the case, each seeking possession of the Epworth property estimated to be worth from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

To Pay Back Salaries.

The mortgage was given in 1910 to secure a loan of \$40,000 with which to pay teachers' back salaries and other debts. When the school failed to meet the obligation, the mortgage was foreclosed. The development company bought in the property for \$40,000. At that time, the company owed \$1,765 interest on the endowment fund and \$253 on the soliciting fund. These two amounts were charged as profit, according to Coombs.

The charging off of the \$40,000 item, which the company owed the university, as an "optional liability" was made upon motion of John W. Shartel, attorney for the company, then and now, the witness said. The action came in a board of directors' meeting.

History of Company.
On examination by attorneys for the church, Coombs told the history of the development company, briefly, as follows:

Organized with \$200,000 capital stock; of which \$110,000 stock was issued. Stockholders included Anton H. Claassen, Margaret McKinley, F. B. Ziegler, C. F. Colcord, Shartel, Keaton and Wells. Land assembled, known as Epworth property but, exclusive of 52 acres for the campus donated to the school, consisted of 2,200 lots, of which 400 lots, worth \$85,000, are still on hand. Company, up to June 1, 1916, had received \$495,000 from the sale of lots, and \$13,000 interest, a total of \$508,000. Expense of selling lots, including contribution to the school, \$26,000. Donations to the school included \$40,000 endowment, \$19,000 to the soliciting fund (of which \$9,000 went for soliciting and \$9,000 for improvements). The company paid the school \$19,000 interest on the endowment fund. The company made a net profit of \$242,000, in addition to the 400 lots unsold, and \$3,500 cash and

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Boundary Changes Suggested to Lift School Congestion

An attempt to relieve congestion in some of the city's schools by filling vacant seats in others will be made by the board of education at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday night.

Superintendent Whiteford said this morning that he believes the congestion can be relieved by changing some of the boundary lines. He will suggest this to the board.

The board also will be asked to approve the appointment of a number of teachers selected by Mr. Whiteford to fill vacancies caused by resignations.

Four Killed When Train Hits Auto

ERIE, Pa., Sept. 18.—Four persons were killed at North Springfield, west of here, today when their automobile was struck by a New York Central train. The dead:
MRS. PERCY SEAGER.
MRS. K. SHIPMAN.
MISS SHIPMAN.
THE NEGRO CHAUFFEUR.
All were from Pittsburgh.

Offended Greek Calls Out Guard

ATHENS, Sept. 18.—There was much excitement at the British legation today when a Greek officer, who applied for permission to go to Andros, feeling that he had not received consideration due his rank, called out the Greek guard.

Oklahoma City Leads America In Bank Gains

Clearings Increase Big—Run
Up to 136.9 Percent Over
Week Last Year.

Oklahoma City skipped ahead of every city in the United States and Canada in bank clearings increase for the week ending September 14, according to official announcement made by Bradstreet's and a comparison of the clearings of all cities.
This city had clearings of \$4,969,000 which was an increase of 136.9 percent over the corresponding week last year and a comfortable gain over the clearing of the preceding week, \$4,168,000.
Tulsa came second in the September 14 report with a gain of 127 percent; Augusta, Ga., was third with 120.4 percent; Macon, Ga., was fourth with 118.5 percent, and Memphis, Tenn., was fifth with 103.3 percent.

SHIP BEARING AMERICANS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Twenty-Eight Survivors Reach
New York; Report Attack.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—A torpedo sank the British ship *Kelvinia* carrying twenty-eight Americans, according to G. W. Dillard of Richmond, Va., one of the Americans who arrived here today on the Cunard liner *Tuscania*.

Dispatches from England left in doubt the question whether the *Kelvinia*, bound from Newport News, Va., to Glasgow, was torpedoed or sunk by a mine September 2.

According to Dillard, the *Kelvinia* was torpedoed at 2 o'clock in the morning without any warning having been given. The vessel listed immediately and as there were not enough boats for both the crew and the Americans, who were engaged as hostlers for the cargo of horses, many of the Americans put on life belts and jumped overboard. They were rescued by a trawler after fourteen hours.

CHAMBER TO ELECT SECRETARY TODAY

The board of directors of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock to elect a secretary for the next year.

Tulsa Man Shot; Wife Arrested

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 18.—K. C. Westwood was shot and probably fatally wounded early today while at work in his garage. An employee was in the room when the shot was fired. He has declined to make any statement.
Mrs. Westwood, wife of the wounded man, was arrested and placed in jail. She refused to make any statement regarding the affair.

Greece Purchases Boatload of Sugar

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The Greek government has purchased here a cargo of \$700,000 worth of refined sugar, now loading for shipment next week, it was learned here today. The cargo is said to be the largest ever sent on one vessel from this country to Greece.

Pretty Weather to Continue Probably

Local Forecast—Fair tonight and Tuesday; probably somewhat warmer Tuesday.

State Forecast—Tonight fair and warmer; weather in west portion; Tuesday, fair and warmer weather in east portion.

KANSAS—Unsettled; rising temperature.
ARKANSAS—Fair and warmer.
WEST TEXAS—Generally fair.

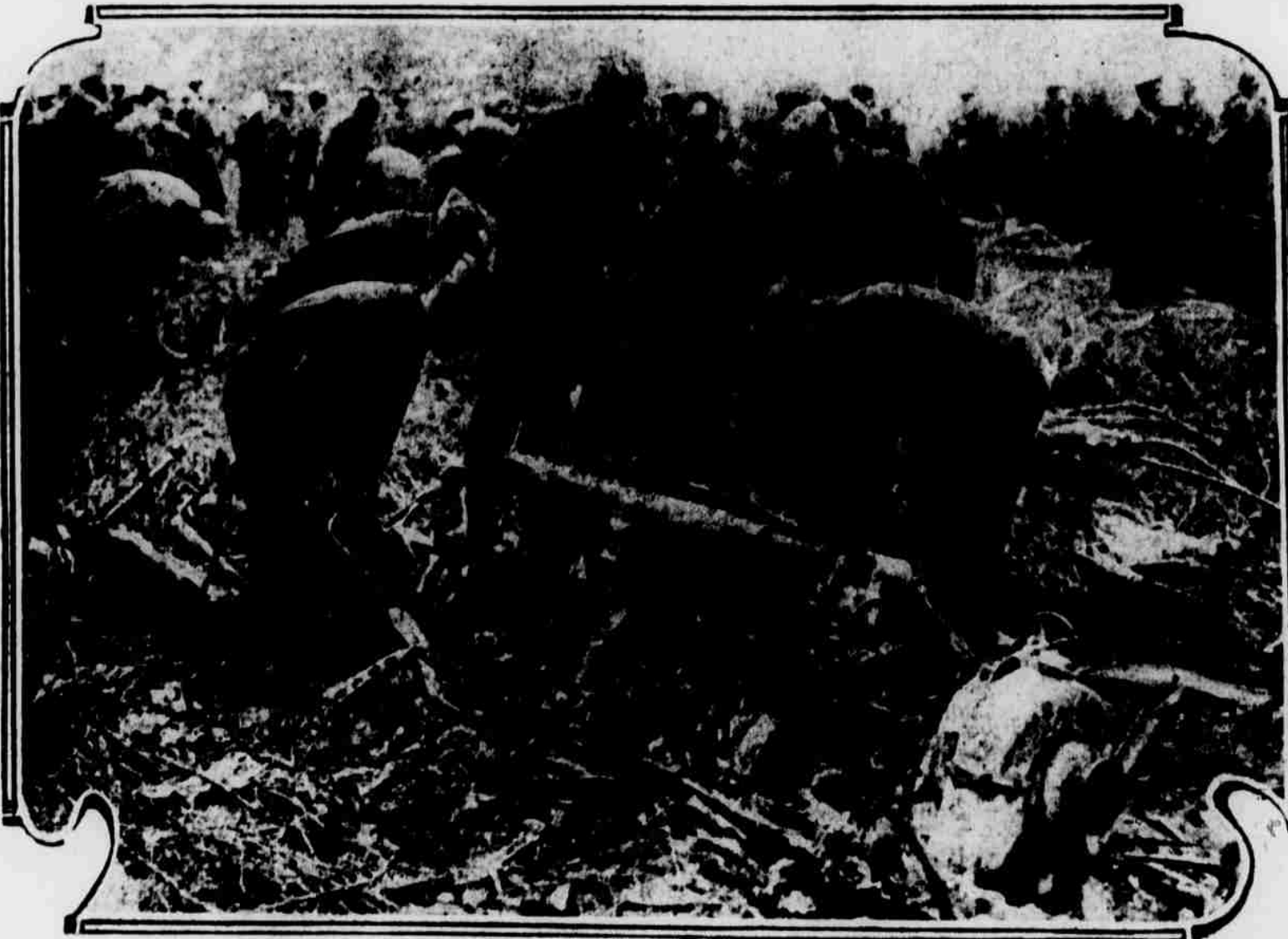
THIS IS PRETTY
GOOD ADVICE TO
GO BY, ANY TIME
OR ANY PLACE

HOURLY
TEMPERATURE

10 p. m.	65
11 p. m.	64
12 midnight	63
1 a. m.	62
2 a. m.	61
3 a. m.	60
4 a. m.	59
5 a. m.	58
6 a. m.	57
7 a. m.	56
8 a. m.	55
9 a. m.	54
10 a. m.	53
11 a. m.	52
12 noon	51
1 p. m.	50
2 p. m.	49

"Zimmie"

ALL THAT'S LEFT OF ZEPPELIN RAIDER



This is all that remains of the Zeppelin that was brought down in England during the latest German air raid on London. The encounter between the Zeppelin and Lieutenant Lee Robinson's aeroplane took place over Cuffley, twelve miles from London. Lieutenant Robinson attacked the big raider with machine gun and five bombs, sending it crashing to the earth, with a comet-like tail of smoke and flame behind it. The fifteen members of the crew were buried with full military honors, and Lieutenant Robinson was given the Victoria cross for his exploit.

OPERATORS WAIT ON COAL MINERS TO EFFECT PACT

Association Head Refuses to
Discuss "Open Shop."

Oklahoma coal operators are waiting to hear from John Wilkinson, president of district 21 of the United Mine Workers of America, concerning a meeting between operators and miners to negotiate a new contract for mining. The suggested new contract would be planned to be effective for two years, beginning August 1, 1916.

The operators' association sent a letter to the miners September 12 suggesting a meeting, but up to noon today no answer had been received from the miners' president.

Declines to Answer.
D. J. Jordan, president of the Oklahoma Coal Operators' association, who is in the city, when asked if this delay in reply from the miners indicated trouble refused to make a definite statement.

"We shall have to leave that to time," he said.
He also refused to make any comment on the statements which have been made to the effect that operators of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado are forming an association. Oklahoma operators withdrew from the association with Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri men at the recent Kansas City meeting.

Non-Union Proposition.
"If such an association is formed will it mean the open shop or non-union operation in Oklahoma and Texas mines, as in the case of New Mexico and Colorado?" Mr. Jordan was asked.
"I am not in position to give you any information. If such an association were formed it would not necessarily mean open shop or non-union operation in Oklahoma," he replied.

Submarine Only American Craft

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18.—The submarine reported approaching New London last night which was believed to be the German undersea merchantman *Bremen* was an American craft of the "L" type, returning from maneuvers, it developed today.

RAYMOND ASQUITH KILLED IN BATTLE

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Lieut. Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on Friday, it was announced today.
Raymond Asquith, who was in his 18th year, was a graduate of Oxford, president of the Oxford Union and prominent as a member of the bar, to which he was admitted in 1904. He was the eldest son of the premier.

Deniecourt Abandoned In Drive on Chaulnes

French Announce Terrific Losses by Foe, Including Almost
Complete Annihilation of Two Battalions; Germans Admit Capture of Villages.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Abandonment by the Germans of the villages of Berny and Deniecourt together with positions between Barleux and Vermandovillers, south of the river Somme, is reported in today's official statement issued in Berlin. North of the river, the statement says, the fighting developed favorably to the Germans. The French last night completely occupied the district of Berny and Vermandovillers and today said Deniecourt was

encircled. The French are making a thrust toward the important railway town of Chaulnes.
Two Battalions Wiped Out.
Further progress has been made by the French in this region and heavy counter attacks by the Germans on the new French positions, both north and south of the Somme, have been repulsed according to today's report, which announces that the Germans sustained enormous losses, two battalions being nearly wiped out. The French have taken 1,200 prisoners and ten machine guns.

The British are keeping up their forward push north of the Somme, scoring their advances, however, at isolated points, apparently in operations to straighten their line and secure their hold on captured ground.

British Report Advance.
The British war office today reports an appreciable advance on the left bank where the British line has been driven further toward Lesard, along the Pozieres-Bapaume road north of Martinpuich and east of Courcellette.

On the Macedonian front an entente attack in the Struma valley northeast of Saloniki, was repulsed by the Bulgarians.
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Tulsa Policeman Is Thugs' Victim

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—Two masked robbers robbed several persons, including a policeman, in a Tulsa restaurant early today and after marching their victims a quarter of a mile down the Frisco railroad tracks they bound and gagged them and made their escape with about \$70 in cash and several watches.

Mike Gribbes, who was in charge of the restaurant, was choked into unconsciousness when one of the robbers rammed a sock down his throat with the muzzle of his revolver. The victim is in a hospital unconscious and may die.

\$1,271,009.27 TAX ON OIL AND GAS, STATE COLLECTION

A total of \$1,271,009.27 has been collected under the 3-percent gross production tax on oil and gas up to September 1, according to figures compiled today by State Auditor Howard.

Of this amount \$336,385.092 was paid under protest and is held in the state depository.

A total of \$623,082.27 was paid into the state treasury and \$311,540.09 was returned to the counties in which the oil and gas were produced.

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Department

MEXICAN BANDITS ROB TRAIN; PUSH IT DOWN MOUNT

Rob Express Car and Passen-
gers of \$62,000 in Gold.

LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 18.—Bandits held up a passenger train Tuesday near Tamosopo, rifled the express car of \$62,000 in gold, robbed the passengers and then pushed the train down the mountain side into a deep canyon, according to apparently reliable advices reaching here today. The passengers were permitted to detain, thus preventing loss of life, the report said.
On the following day, according to the report, a constitutionalist troop train, sent out to apprehend the bandits, was blown up at the same spot the holdup occurred, resulting in the death of forty soldiers.

Marshal Kills Kentucky Feudist

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 18.—Word reached here today from Perry county that Mose Feltner, known throughout the country as one of the leaders in the Hargis-Cockrell feud in Breathitt county in 1916, was shot and killed by United States Marshal G. A. Sizemore, while Feltner was resisting arrest.

Firemen Killed When Trains Meet

HOISINGTON, Kan., Sept. 18.—Two freight trains on the Missouri Pacific railway collided at Stuart, Colo., today, according to reports reaching the company offices here, which were to the effect that Roy Scott and F. W. Hadley, the firemen, were killed. The engineers of both trains are believed to have been severely burned.

Working On Your Menu?

HAVE you done any work on the menu you are going to submit in the Times Better Menu contest?
Perhaps you failed to read the stories announcing the plan published in the Times Friday and Saturday. We are going to give prizes of \$5 each for the best menu for a day's meals for two people and on up to a menu for eight people.
What is more, the Times will pay 50 cents for every menu received that our cookery experts think is good enough to publish.
We are trying to help you cut the cost of living and add variety and food value to your family table.

BLACKMAIL GANG FALLS OUT OVER SPOILS' DIVISION

Arrest of Score or More With-
in Week Expected.

WEALTHY PEOPLE VICTIMS

Operations of International
Proportions.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Confession has been made by two members of the alleged syndicate of blackmailers, eight of whom are under arrest here, that operations of the swindlers has netted them \$1,000,000 within the last year, federal officials announced today.

The confession, it was said, disclosed that the alleged band numbers sixty persons, a third of them women.

A dispute over the division of spoils, it was said, led to the confession. Arrests of a score or more members of the syndicate it is expected will be made within a week.

Fearful Prison Terms.

The men who confessed are "Dick" Barrett and Edward J. Thompson, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the Chicago bureau of the department of justice. Both are at liberty, he said. They will become witnesses for the government, however, when the eight members of the alleged syndicate, arrested in a raid on a fashionable apartment hotel Saturday night, are brought to trial. Fear that they would receive long prison sentences caused Thompson and Barrett to confess.

Bail Aggregate \$100,000.

Bail, aggregating \$100,000 has been fixed for the eight members of the alleged band now under arrest. They are to be given a hearing Tuesday. Those under arrest are:

Edward Donahue, alias "Doc" Donahue, \$25,000.

Mrs. Helen Evers, alias Mrs. Geo. W. Brown, \$25,000.

Henry Russell, alias H. J. Russell, \$25,000.

Mrs. Edward Donahue, \$5,000.

James Christian, alias James Roberts, \$5,000.

George Bland, alias Joseph Pearl, \$5,000.

Mrs. Frances Allen, alias Mrs. Frances Chapman, \$5,000.

Expensive Gowns Found.
Elaborate opium smoking layouts, expensive gowns and costly furs and jewelry were found in the elegantly furnished apartment in which the arrests were made. Fifty suits of clothes hung in the closet of Henry Russell. A mass of incriminating evidence—letters, telegrams and other papers were found, officials said.

The operations of the band are declared to have extended from coast to coast. Men and women alike have been victims. Persons with wealth were objects in every case. Five wealthy and socially prominent residents of Chicago are declared to have been blackmailed out of \$20,000. Their names are withheld.

The five men under arrest declined to discuss the charges against them. The three women, however, ridiculed the charges.

A woman member of the syndicate is believed to be in St. Louis and the Los Angeles authorities were asked to locate the sender of a telegram addressed to Helen Evers, one of the women arrested here, which read, "Simon says thumbs up. Two men are holding me. Watch the fire escape."

Of International Proportions.
Operations of the syndicate, which now appears to have been of international proportions, were not confined to the blackmail of wealthy men and women, according to developments today.

Among the effects in the office of "Doc" Edward Donahue, one of the men caught in the Saturday night raid, was stationary of the United Turf exchange with "headquarters" in New York and offices all over the world. There were also cipher codes for deciphering messages received by wire, telling what horses to bet on, how much to bet, what races and positions to play.

Fake Clippings Used.
Fake newspaper clippings detailing the wonderful clean-ups made by a young eastern plunger in poolrooms, apparently had been used to lure victims. One letter found in Donahue's room at a fashionable South Side apartment house was from the "Horseman's association" of 1408 Market street, Louisville, Ky., signed J. C. Saulsberry, secretary, and addressed to A. T. Karger. The secretary said he was sorry to hear of "Mr. Karger's" nobility lately and hoped he wouldn't have another occurrence like that again.

It seemed that "Mr. Karger's" picture had appeared in a newspaper in connection with bookmaking activities at the races.

Full Dress Required.
According to department of justice officials, here today, the "United Turf exchange" must have been an exclusive affair. The rules stated that members using the club rooms in the evening must appear in full dress.

Evidently the "Horseman's association" was known in Louisville as a grain brokerage house. Code books showed how wagers on horse races could be placed and there apparently was no limit. If the bettor wanted to